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E.O. 11652: XGDS
TAGS: MARR, MASS, SA
SUBJECT: TRUCKS FOR SAUDI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

REF: (A) DA WASHDC MSG DTG 042125Z (B) JIDDA 1108

1. I INFORMED PRINCE SULTAN (SAUDI DEFENSE MINISTER)
MARCH 10 PRICES OF TRUCKS WERE LOWEST AVAILABLE. WE HAD
TRIED HARD TO GET HIM BETTER PRICES AND LONGER TERMS
BUT THESE WERE NOT POSSIBLE, LARGELY BECAUSE OF CONTINUOUS
INFLATIONARY TREND.

2. SULTAN SEEMED TO ACCEPT THE EXPLANATION BUT WAS
CONCERNED THAT THE MARCH 15 DEADLINE IS "ALMOST HERE"--
WOULD WE DO SOMETHING TO EXTEND DEADLINE TO MID-APRIL?
I PROMISED WE WOULD TRY.

3. DETAILS OF THE OFFER HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED
BY MODA NOR INDEED BY USMTM. I ASSURED SULTAN THEY
WOULD ARRIVE SOON.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: I URGE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR THE
OFFER BE EXTENDED TO MID-APRIL IF POSSIBLE BUT AT THE
VERY LEAST TO EARLY APRIL. IF THIS CAN BE DONE, I THINK
WE HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF GETTING THE CONTRACT.

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